

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, in 1915, Dr. Carter G. Woodson of Virginia founded the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, the organization which originated the annual observance of National Negro History Week; and*

*WHEREAS, this observance has continued and is now celebrated throughout the month of February as National Black History Month; and*

*WHEREAS, the theme this year for Black History Month is "Creating and Defining the African American Community: Family, Church, Politics, and Education"; and*

*WHEREAS, an exhibit is on view in the Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall during the month of February presenting preliminary sketches and descriptions for a proposed exhibit, "Securing the Blessings of Liberty: A New Vision for the Alexandria Black History Resource Center"; and*

*WHEREAS, the public will be invited to comment on the plans for the proposed exhibit to assure the greatest possible public involvement in the creative process; and*

*WHEREAS, during Black History Month, the Center will continue its commitment to document, preserve and disseminate the African American story with an exhibit of work by a local artist and educator, "Energy, Emotion and Expression: The Art of Big Al Carter"; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alexandria Black History Resource Center has planned a series of special events that highlight and celebrate all aspects of African American history and culture;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council and the citizens of Alexandria, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2001, as:*

**"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"**

*in Alexandria, Virginia.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2001.*

**KERRY J. DONLEY**      **MAYOR**  
*On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC      City Clerk